



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hideki MATSUNAGA

Group Art Unit: 2172

Application No.: 09/923,440

Examiner: A. Ly

Filed: August 8, 2001

Docket No.: 110331

For: OBJECT MANAGEMENT METHOD AND
SYSTEM

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CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.114, Applicant hereby requests continued examination.

- ☒ Applicant further requests entry and consideration of the submission filed June 17, 2004.
- ☒ Applicant further requests entry and consideration of the attached submission.

The above-identified application was filed on or after June 8, 1995. Thus, entry is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(d).

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Sir:

In reply to the April 7, 2004 final Office Action, and further to the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, the shortened statutory period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-18 are pending in this application.

Applicant respectfully requests a personal interview with the Examiner be granted prior to further action in the application. In view of the August 13, 2004 Advisory Action, Applicant believes that a personal interview would help to advance prosecution of the application. Applicant invites the Examiner to contact Applicant's undersigned representative to schedule a personal interview at his earliest convenience.

Claims 1-18 were finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,412,070 to Van Dyke et al. (hereafter, "Van Dyke") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,275,825 to Kobayashi et al. (hereafter, "Kobayashi"). Applicant respectfully maintains that